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Serial No. **10/074,372**

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For: **Cutting Device for Use in a Medical Procedure**

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

**PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

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Sir:

In connection with the Office Action dated May 18, 2004 in the above-entitled application, Applicants respectfully request a one (1) month extension in which to file a response, from August 18, 2004 to September 18, 2004.

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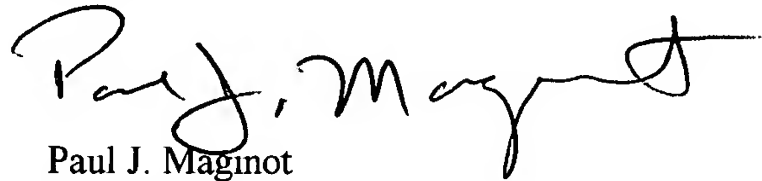
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Respectfully submitted,

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